

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 27 as follows:

Accordingly the present invention relates to enhancement of oil recovery from the oil wells by applying a microbial consortium proliferated in specifically designed nutrient media. The present invention also relates to a process of enhancing the recovery of crude oil from oil wells using the novel microbial consortium deposited with the Institute of Microbial Technology, Sector 39-A, Chandigarh 160 036 (Union Territory) having accession no. MTCC No. S2-001. The said microbial consortium has been isolated from a sample of formation water of an oil well located at Sobhasan, Mehasana Gujarat, India.